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Monday 12th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I must have been having fun this half term as the time has certainly flown. We're into our last full week of the term and teachers are looking forward to seeing many of you at the parents' evening appointments this week.

We have the first appointments in the first half term in response to feedback from parents of our younger children especially that having an early opportunity to meet class teachers to discuss how children have settled (back) into the school year is appreciated. Teachers have a lot of appointments to get through so if you would like to discuss something at more length than the 10-minute appointments allow, you can arrange a longer appointment at another time.

Thanks to you all for going 'old school' and completing the slips requesting your slots. We're working on getting the online appointments working again ready for the next bookings in the Spring term.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Notices

- If you or someone you know has a child due to start reception next September, please come along to our **open morning on Wednesday 4th November at 11am** (flyer attached). You are welcome even if you already have a child in school. If you cannot make this date, contact the school office (office@overstrand.norfolk.sch.uk) to book a tour on another day.
- I have had conversations with a few different parents about **uniform**. For the avoidance of any doubt, when we covert from an LA maintained school to a St Benet's academy, nothing will change about the uniform. In time, new items with the school logo will have a new school logo saying 'academy' rather than school, but the **colours will not change** and old uniform with the current school logo on will still be permitted in school.
- A reminder to everyone to **please drive and park respectfully and carefully in and around the school**. As I always say, the road network around school was not designed for the level of pupils in our thriving school so we all need to drive slowly and take care when parking. We'd much rather wait a few minutes for your children while you park up and get everyone into the building in one piece. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Out of school success:

With apologies if I've missed anyone, I don't recall any from this week. Keep working hard outside of school – I love to hear about your successes and to share them with our school community.

Celebration Certificates (09.10.26)

Class certificates

- Holly: Edward – for sitting on the carpet during lesson time and joining in our lessons.
- Larch: Frankie W- for his amazing attitude in his learning.
- Willow: Alex – you are confident, contribute great ideas in class and have been very courageous to sing solo at the harvest festival.
Niall – when you had free writing time, you wrote a great retelling of a holiday in the form of a non-chronological report.
- Ash: Alanna because you are a brilliant role model, you listen carefully and work hard all the time; you contribute your ideas and set a great example.
Noah because you are a great role model. You always work hard and you set a great example of how to listen and focus.
- Oak: Thaddy – for working hard in your writing this week. Your presentation is exceptional! You should be very proud of your work.

Compassion

All of these children have demonstrated our value by...

- Holly: Evelyn – for sharing a medal with another child when you noticed they haven't had a turn.
- Larch: Freddie - for showing compassion in helping his Y1 buddies in literacy this week.
- Willow: Maisie – you are a kind friend to everyone. You helped someone do a backflip on the bars.
- Ash: Paisley and Lucy for checking on a friend when they looked upset and alone.
- Oak: Nora – for showing compassion for others and helping the children in Reception Class.

Tackling Tables

100% - Emily HH, Hunter, Christopher, Ted Y, Edward, Isla, Isaac H, Holly, Oakley, Max, Alanna, Kelly, Emma, Ben, Erik, Harriet, Margot

Blue star – Margot, Kelly,

Forest School

Bella Bee goes to Dulcie, for helping others to tie a tricky knot and making a super conker spider using her new knot.
Bertie Bee goes to Jack for trying new activities at forest school and learning new skills. He made a lovely wooden car using sawing, sanding and hammering skills.

Diary Dates

October 2026		
Tuesday 13 th October	Y6 YR	NHS National Child Measurement Programme: Heights and weights measurements of your child in school by NHS nurses. (Look out for your information letter by email and opt out instructions.)

Wednesday 14 th October 12 noon	Christmas Shop	Friends' class fundraising shop closes at 12 noon today. Order now for maximum commission for the Friends
Wednesday 14 th October		Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm
Thursday 15 th October		Parents Evening 3.30 – 7 pm
Friday 16 th October		Belfry School non-uniform day. Bring a bottle for the Friends' Christmas Fair tombola!
Monday 19 th October	Y6	Crucial Crew visit to Gresham's Prep
Tuesday 20th October		Harvest Festival, St. Martin's Church, Overstrand. 2-3 pm. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st October		Last day Autumn term 1
November 2026		
Monday 2 nd November		Back to school. Start of Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 4th November	New YR	Open morning for new pupils 2027, 11 am
Friday 6 th November		Friends' Autumn Disco Holly & Larch Classes (KS1): 5.45 – 6.45 pm Willow, Ash & Oak (KS2): 7-8 pm
Monday 9 th November		Pantomime in school for the pupils: Sleeping Beauty by M&M Productions
Thursday 12 th November		1 st visit: Pupil flu immunisations in school. Parent consent required
Thursday 12 th November	Willow Class	Willow Class family learning café, 2-3pm, parents invited
Saturday 14th November		Belfry Christmas Fair: 11 am - 3 pm
Thursday 19 th November	Ash Class	Ash Class family learning café, 2-3 pm, families welcome
Tuesday 24 th November		2 nd visit: Pupil flu immunisations in school. Parent consent required
Wednesday 25 th November	Larch Class	Larch Class family learning café, 2-3 pm, families welcome
Monday 30 th November	Oak Class	Oak Class family learning café, 2-3pm, families welcome
December 2026		
Tuesday 1 st December	Holly Class	Holly Class family learning café, 2-3 pm, families welcome
Tuesday 8th December	KS1	Christmas Performance, Larch and Holly Classes, 9 am. Families welcome
Wednesday 9th December	KS2	Christmas performance, Willow, Ash and Oak Classes 9 am and 6 pm. Families welcome.
Thursday 10th December	KS1	Christmas Performance, Larch and Holly Classes, 9 am. Families welcome
Wednesday 16 th December		Christmas Service, St. Martin's Church, Overstrand, 2-3 pm. Families welcome
Thursday 17 th December		Belfry School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December		Last day Autumn Term 2
	Christmas!	
January 2027		
Tuesday 5 th January		First day Spring Term 1

